

WISHA REGIONAL DIRECTIVE

WISHA Services

Department of Labor and Industries

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ASBESTOS COURSE PROVIDER AUDIT POLICY

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I. Background:

WAC 296-65-015 establishes the criteria for the department to approve training course providers so that individuals may obtain certification as asbestos abatement supervisors or asbestos abatement workers. WAC 296-65-015 permits department approval to be given to asbestos training courses for one year, with renewals possible based upon an application for renewal. To assure that the training course is conducted in accordance with the program approved by the department, WAC 296-65-015(10) states that a representative of the department may attend a training course as an observer at the department's discretion. WAC 296-65-015(16) also outlines record-keeping requirements, retention of records, and department access to records for approved providers of asbestos training courses. WAC 296-65-015 (17) allows the department to provide an examination as a substitute for the examination administered by the training course provider.

III. Scope and Application:

In order to determine that the asbestos training course is conducted in accordance with the program approved by the department, this Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA) Regional Directive (WRD), which will remain in effect indefinitely, documents the department's auditing practices in relation to such training courses. This WRD incorporates the substance of WISHA Interim Operations Memorandum #96-7-C, which is hereby repealed.

III. Interpretive Guidance:

A. What is the purpose of the asbestos training audit program?

The asbestos training audit program, administered by WISHA Policy and Technical Services (P&TS), shall verify that course content and quality adhere to the training and accreditation requirements of WAC 296-65-015. The program, which shall also verify the appropriate maintenance and retention of records, will

provide the department information upon which to grant or renew approval of basic or refresher asbestos training courses.

B. What elements does the program include?

The program includes the following elements:

1. Periodic attendance of training courses by L&I representatives designated by the Asbestos Certification Program Specialist in WISHA P&TS. Such L&I representatives will evaluate the content of the training and its adherence to the certified curriculum.
2. Substitution of examinations at the discretion of the L&I representative. Such substitute exams can be used to measure proficiency in the material covered by the course, ensuring that the course exams accurately reflect actual learning.
3. Review of training course records in office visits. Such a review of records will ensure compliance with the record-keeping requirements of WAC 296-65-015, as well as enable the reviewer to identify issues requiring further attention.

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Briefly state the subject matter of the Policy or Interpretive Statement:

This WISHA Regional Directive describes Labor and Industries' implementation of asbestos course approval requirements found in WAC 296-65-015.

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